

REMARKS

At the outset, the Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the pending application. The final Office Action dated November 30, 2004 has been received and its contents carefully reviewed.

By this Response, claim 11 has been amended. No new matter has been added. Claims 11-21 are pending in the application. Applicant respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection in view of the above amendment and the following remarks.

In the Office Action, claims 11-21 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1 and 4 of U.S. Patent No. 6,627,470, issued to Yoo et al. (hereafter "Yoo"). Applicant respectfully submits the claims of the present application are patentably distinct from Yoo. Specifically, in the method of fabricating a thin film transistor substrate of the present application, "forming a protection layer includes etching the protection layer to cover the first side but not the second side of the drain electrode; and forming a pixel electrode in electrical contact with the second side of the drain electrode" as recited in independent claim 11. Yoo fails to teach or suggest at least these features. Accordingly, Yoo and claims 11-21 of the present application are patentably distinct from each other.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

Applicants believe the foregoing amendments place the application in condition for allowance and early, favorable action is respectfully solicited.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7500 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the

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